

Israel drives 10 kms. towards Damascus

800 tanks destroyed, taken; Israeli planes blast targets

Attrition war in Sinai

Jerusalem Post Military Reporters
TEL AVIV. — Israeli forces continued their "war of attrition" against the massive Egyptian deployment along the Suez Canal during the past two days, keeping up a constant artillery bombardment, air force harassment and sniping at the enemy concentrations.

Informed sources said the steady pressure on the Egyptian concentrations at their Canal bridgeheads was beginning to show results. The Egyptians yesterday made no attempts to bring more reinforcements across the Canal, although some supplies may have been ferried across. While the two main armies facing each other along the Canal front remained largely static, several minor engagements ended with Israeli victories on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Israeli commandos crossed the Canal and raided Egyptian supply lines and ordnance dumps on Wednesday night. The raid, in the southern sector, caused severe disruptions and heavy damage, informed sources said.

In another action, IDF forces on Wednesday broke through to an Israeli fortified position in the northern Canal sector on the Mediterranean coast. The men holding the position for five days had fought off Egyptian tank attacks under heavy artillery bombardment.

The relieving force pushed back an entrenched Egyptian force, armed with anti-tank missiles, which had blocked its advance.

The Egyptians left behind several of their dead on the battlefield. A later Egyptian attempt to capture the Israeli position was beaten off.

On Tuesday, an Egyptian drive towards Ras Sudar, south of the Canal, was blocked by Israeli infantry and armour. Then the Air Force was called in and the Egyptian force was wiped out. An Egyptian aircraft bombed Abu Rodeis, further south along the east coast of the Gulf of Suez on Tuesday night. There were some casualties and damage to buildings, but the oil installations were not hit.

Inside the Egyptian bridgeheads, the Egyptian units were reportedly still digging in, lining their approaches with anti-tank gun and missile emplacements.

By RONNIE HOPE and ZEEV SCHUL, Post Military Correspondents
TEL AVIV. — Israel armoured spearheads and infantry yesterday pierced through the Syrian defences beyond the Golan and by the evening had penetrated 10 kilometres inside enemy territory, advancing northeast along the Kuneitra-Damascus axis, the army spokesman announced here last night.

The two forces locked yesterday morning, following a 24-hour lull, in what was probably the largest single tank battle in this arena until now. The principal engagement, involving hundreds of tanks, focused on the northern sector of the front, around the Kuneitra-Damascus highway — where the Syrians lost 800 tanks destroyed or captured intact.

While capturing Damascus is one of the options open to the I.D.F., it is by no means certain that it will be taken up. Conquering the city and holding it would tie up large forces required elsewhere. It would also involve Israel in complex political problems.

Military circles said last night that Israel was close to reaching the turning point in the battle against Syria, in which Israel's aim is to break Syria's ability and will to fight. The importance of crushing Syrian resistance lies not only in that this will make it possible to put more pressure on Egypt, but also to deter Iraq and Jordan from active involvement in the war.

The air force, in addition to supporting the advance, devoted some efforts to bombing eight Syrian airfields, including Damascus International, which is now used only for military purposes. There was little interference. Altogether 11 enemy planes were shot down yesterday on both the Syrian and Egyptian fronts. The airfields bombed were:

A Syrian T-62 tank captured intact in the Golan Heights, was shown yesterday to foreign correspondents in an Armoured Corps base. It is the first time that this tank, the most modern in the Soviet arsenal, has ever been seen outside the Soviet bloc and the Arab countries.

It is essentially similar to the T-54 and T-55 but carries a 115mm. instead of 105mm. gun and weighs 36.5 tons.

ceived "very basic and intensive treatment," a military source said. The aim was to prevent what is left of Syria's air force from interfering in the ground war.

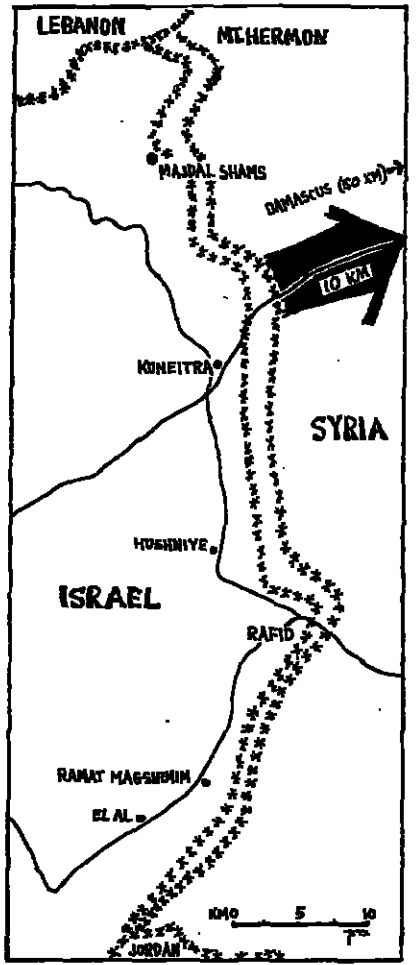
The Israeli thrust was concentrated in the northern sector between Kuneitra and Mt. Hermon on a number of axes. Last night infantry units were clearing enemy pockets of resistance, left behind by the rapidly advancing armour.

The break-through came after a heavy fighting. The Syrians had fallen back into their highly fortified line which they had built and held since the 1967 war. The ground offensive was preceded by heavy artillery and aerial softening up.

Well informed sources confirmed that the Russians are flying arms into Syria, but said that this is of no great significance. The raids on airfields could disrupt this flow of supplies, it was pointed out.

Throughout the day, Syrian soldiers left behind by their retreating forces on the Israeli side of the cease-fire line continued to surrender to IDF units. Roaming among the more than 800 destroyed and abandoned tanks left behind by the Syrian army, the Syrian infantry and tank men held out until noon Wednesday, in the hope that their units would be able to mount a counter-attack and reclaim some of the heights they captured earlier in the week.

The Israeli spearheads, enjoying massive air support, were reported



Tank farms in the Syrian port of Banias go up in flames after being hit by Israeli missile boats.

Navy bombs Syria ports, oil depots

earlier in the day to be advancing on a wide front along the entire length of the Golan Heights. Yesterday's counter-offensive was preceded by an intensive artillery barrage to soften the Syrian defences, during which Israeli gunners reportedly established new "records" in the swift pacing of their rounds. In addition to the artillery, the advancing columns also had a covering "airumbrella."

The continued pursuit of the Syrians across their home frontier arises from more than purely military considerations. The Chief of Staff's pledge on Sunday to pursue the Syrians whenever and wherever they could be found is now a reality. Politically, Israel will not be cowed into blind respect for the armistice lines.

Latest estimates of the Syrian line count a possible 2,000 tanks — five times the number they had in the Six Day War. Subtracting the estimated 800 tanks the Syrians lost this week, there is still a substantial number to account for. It may be assumed that a certain percentage consists of vintage armour and units that cannot be moved from where they are now stationed for internal-political reasons.

Syrian refinery destroyed

By MALEK AL-HUSSEINI
ROMS. — Israeli aircraft destroyed a major power station and put a still-blasting oil refinery out of action for years to come during raids on this central Syrian town, officials said here yesterday.

I saw great pillars of black smoke and flames rising from the wrecked oil refinery more than 24 hours after the last Israeli bombing attack on Wednesday.

Experts said 80 per cent of the \$20m. refinery was destroyed and it

would not be in operation again for several years. Annual production at the refinery was estimated at one million tons.

The power station produced a fifth of Syria's electricity supplies. The director of the plant said at least 30 of his 450 workers were killed and about 100 injured.

Rescuers were unable to approach the inferno of flames and explosions that the oil refinery had become.

(Reuters)

AFTER MIDNIGHT
CAIRO (UPI). — U.S. Phantoms from an aircraft carrier in the Mediterranean have joined in Israeli raids on Egyptian positions, the Middle East News Agency said yesterday, quoting "Arab diplomatic sources."

The claim of direct U.S. involvement in the Arab-Israeli fighting was reminiscent of similar claims made by the late President Abdel Nasser during the Six Day War.

Agnew resigns as Vice-President

WASHINGTON. — Spiro T. Agnew resigned abruptly as U.S. Vice-President on Wednesday "in the best interest of the nation," and pleaded no contest to a charge of income tax evasion. President Nixon began an immediate search for a successor.

A Federal court judge in Baltimore, Maryland, sentenced Agnew to a \$10,000 fine and three years probation. The Justice Department at the same time dropped its criminal investigation of Agnew, but told the court it had evidence that a local man and injuring a number of children.

Richardson said yesterday that the President had a key role in the plea arrangement — and thus in Agnew's resignation.

Richardson said on Wednesday that the corruption investigation involving Agnew had "established a pattern of substantial cash payments" to him by Maryland State contractors when he was Baltimore County Executive, Governor, and as Vice-President.

Agnew appeared yesterday morning at his office in the Executive Office Building adjacent to the White House to close out his affairs.

The White House said Nixon, who learned of the surprise decision, during a 40-minute meeting with Agnew on Tuesday, played "no direct role" in the legal arrangement for his Vice-President to resign and in effect — plead guilty to a lesser charge. There was no explanation of the contradiction between the White House and Richardson statements. Nixon said Agnew had been subjected to "an

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YAN FINISH SYRIA SOON

Minister Moshe Dayan last night predicted that the Syrian front would be "finished" for all practical purposes" last night or during the day.

Dayan told a group of Israeli reporters: "I think the Syrians are running away. They can see their forces on this front with their eyes. These which remain have no military value."

He said the Syrians have to teach the Syrians a lesson — that the road from Eretz Yisrael, also leads from Eretz Yisrael to Damascus.

Others are moving on the road from Kuneitra to Damascus."



Battery of Israeli 122mm. guns in action during the Golan Heights offensive.

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U.S. resupply to Israel reported as Soviets send arms to Arabs

By News Agencies
WASHINGTON. — The U.S. is reportedly making a major resupply effort for Israel, according to a source familiar with the situation. The source said the U.S. is concerned with a diplomatic drive to end the fighting, and is willing to provide arms to Israel to achieve this goal.

The source said the U.S. is providing Israel with a large quantity of arms, including F-4 Phantom jets and other weapons. The source said the U.S. is also providing Israel with a large quantity of ammunition.

The source said the U.S. is also providing Israel with a large quantity of medical supplies and other aid.

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Witnesses reported, meanwhile, that a Boeing 707 transport plane bearing Israeli markings was loaded with Sparrow and Sidewinder air-to-air missiles at the Oceana Naval Air Station near Norfolk, Virginia. Officials described this as a resupply effort. Other observers said Israel undoubtedly already has asked Washington to speed up delivery of F-4 Phantom jets and other weapons promised in contracts for shipment this year and next.

McCloskey also pointed to a statement made on Monday by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, that "detente cannot survive irresponsibility in any area, including the Middle East." McCloskey said that "still stands."

A source at the Oceana Air Station told the Norfolk, Virginia, newspaper "Ledger-Star," another Boeing 707 with Israeli markings was loaded with arms last Saturday, the first day of the war.

The Pentagon's official spokesman declined to discuss anything to do with the resupply of Israel. But other officials said a moderate level of resupply was continuing to flow.

The White House yesterday refused to respond to questions about whether the U.S. was resupplying Israel with arms. Presidential spokesman Gerald Warren also sidestepped a question on whether President Nixon had been in contact again with Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, saying instead that Dr. Kissinger "continues to be in direct contact" with major powers as well as the warring parties.

In Ramstein, West Germany, U.S. Air Force spokesmen yesterday, under orders to maintain silence, declined to comment on the report the Air Force was resupplying Phantom jets in Germany to resupply the Israeli Air Force. The spokesmen also declined to say whether, the first day of the war.

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Allon: We'll
cross '67 lines
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HERZLIYA.— "The Israel Defence Forces will not stop at the ceasefire lines, if crossing them becomes necessary to destroy the Syrian and Egyptian enemy," Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon said here on Tuesday. He was being interviewed at Herzliya Studios for the BBC's "Panorama" programme, screened in Britain the same night.

Mr. Allon justified Israel's decision to allow the enemy to strike first this time. He said it will soon become clear to all that the political advantage Israel gained there by outwitting any military advantage the Arabs could have hoped to gain.

As to the Soviet position, Mr. Allon said the Russians are doing all they can to prevent a resolution in the U.N. Security Council, apparently because they still believe in an Arab victory or in the ability of the Arabs to hold on to some of the territory they gained in the opening hours of the war. The Deputy Premier had nothing but praise for the U.S., which, he said, has made it clear to the Arabs that it has no intention of surrendering to the so-called "oil weapon."

Mr. Allon said Israel has no territorial ambitions in this war, but will be more determined than ever before to insist on secure borders in any future settlement. "Our present experience," he said, "has driven home the importance of territory in the kind of war we are now fighting."

(11m)

Cable from Casals

Prime Minister Golda Meir on Tuesday received the following cable from the internationally renowned cellist, Pablo Casals: "Deeply concerned and want you to know that I am with you and Israel in spirit at this time as always."

Volunteer crew on
Air France plane

Passengers on an Air France plane from Paris arriving at Lod Airport on Tuesday night reported that they had to wait three and a half hours at Orly Airport until a crew could be found to fly the aircraft to Israel.

The Air France crew, including the pilot, stewards and stewardesses, was finally signed on to fly the plane all volunteered for the job. The airline's policy apparently is that all its flights to Israel will be flown by volunteer aircrews.

New weapons in field create new situation

'Roman phalanxes' of tanks confront each other in Sinai

By SRAYA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV.— The Egyptian and Israeli tanks facing each other on a narrow strip of land on the eastern bank of the Suez Canal were "like the Roman phalanxes waiting for the battle," a military observer here commented yesterday. There was much manoeuvring and many skirmishes in no-man's-land, but neither side showed any inclination so far to force its way through.

The Egyptians, better at defence than in a war of tank movement, need a pause to complete the buildup of their forces — which they are doing despite considerable harassment by the Israelis. The pontoon bridges of Russian make have proved to be easily repaired, especially under cover of darkness. Israel's artillery fire and occasional air sorties are damaging the bridges but have failed so far to cut off the Egyptians this side of the Canal.

The new weapons in the field are creating a new situation. Nobody has ever seen the weapons in action, not even the Russians. "All military observers are eagerly watching Sinai and the Canal to see what is happening," the observer remarked.

If there was an element of surprise in the Egyptian crossing, it did not derive from their ability to bridge the Canal, but rather from the order in which their troops crossed. Human life plays little role in Egyptian, and probably Soviet, military thought and it was infantry which poured in first through the bridgeheads.

The Russian anti-tank weapons with which the infantry was provided proved very effective. There was heavy fighting in the fortified observation posts which form the outer (western) perimeter of the "Bar-Lev Line," but

most of the posts were eventually taken over by the Egyptians. Many of the soldiers who were in the observation posts managed to reach the rear.

However, the main fortifications of the Bar-Lev Line have not been broken by the Egyptians.

This situation may go on for quite a long time — long, that is, in comparison with the battles of movement which characterized the Six Day War.

In the first and second days of the war, a flurry of stories by military correspondents attached to frontline troops but not always accurate created some false impressions. The credibility gap has been corrected by now, less for the benefit of the general public than for the soldier in the frontline who is following reports by transistor and must have confidence in the accuracy of the Israeli news media.

Now long the war may last is anybody's guess, according to the military observer. Fighting may stop by virtue of a reflection by the Security Council, but the order may never come and fighting may die out naturally, only to be resumed at a later date. In this respect, the Yom Kippur war recalls the War of Independence.

The return to active service of many of the Six Day War generals in no way a reflection on the abilities of the commanding officers, the observer said. "But this is a round-the-clock war. Officers must be given a chance to rest a few hours, or to visit troops, or meet their superiors for consultations. They are only too happy to be able to rely on an experienced officer from the reserves to fill in at a critical moment. Work on the enlisted conscripts took over actual command of troops."



Scenes from the Golan front

Left: moving up to the Heights, and poring over a map before the counter offensive. Above: "The one that didn't get me."

We shall wage war until victory Meir tells nation in TV address

Israel pursuing Syrians: Our forces very close to Canal: Prime Minister hopes this war will be the last one

Prime Minister Golda Meir announced in a televised broadcast Friday night that the Golan Heights were now completely in Israeli hands and that Israeli forces were pursuing the Syrians.

The Prime Minister also said there had been a basic change in the situation on the southern front against Egypt and that Israeli attacking forces were now very close to the Air Force base Canal.

Mr. Meir said Israel had gone to the offensive on almost all fronts of the southern front.

But she warned that the war was no means over yet. "Everyone is asking how many days it will last," she said. "Our last war lasted six days. I cannot say that this war will last six days, but we shall wage the war as long as we are victorious."

The past four days had seen Israeli forces facing very difficult and bitter fighting but there had also been the myth of "wonderful hours," the Prime Minister said.

Meir said to tell you that the war is not yet ended, but I have no doubt that it will end in our victorious taking it," she said.

a war of six days. But I have no doubt that every one of us knows that the main thing is to conclude the war, and to conclude it with our victory. And this may take more than six days.

I want to stress one more point — and the question is not against whom we are fighting, but what is no less and perhaps more important to stress, against what we are fighting.

MODERN ARMS

We have to know that for a period of six years and more, since the end of the Six Day War, a great power, one of the two strongest nations in the world, the Soviet Union, has been working to strengthen our enemies, incessantly supplying them with arms, arms of the most modern, most sophisticated kinds. And the hands of these supplies, we could say, have been only the capacity of Egypt and Syria to absorb them.

It is painful and difficult for me to state the fact that we still have grounds for saying that this supply of arms is continuing to flow all the time, to Syria at least. What this means is that we are fighting against the Egyptian army and the Syrian army, but the rockets, the tanks, the planes — everything that is in the hands of the Syrian and Egyptian soldier — all this comes from the Soviet Union.

The Soviet Union, so strong and so mighty a power, considered and apparently still considers it her task to pour this armament into the balance to the advantage of the Arabs and to the detriment of Israel. We must be aware of this and take it into account. At the same time, we have learnt one more thing from experience — namely that it is the greatest possible luxury for Jew in general and for Israel in particular to despair. Let us not abandon ourselves to this luxury, for there is no reason to despair, although we may still be facing difficult hours.

As for the outcome, I have no shadow of a doubt what it will be. Since we are sensible, we must see things as they are, and rejoice in this festive day, the eve of Success, on which so great a change has taken place, a change which in some ways is radical as against the situation three or four days ago. We must realize that the war has not yet ended and be confident that when it does it will end in victory.

Questions in a communique broadcast today by the Jordanian national communications media there was word of mobilization of reserves there. In your opinion does this intimate that Jordan will enter the war?

That, of course, I do not know. I can say only one thing: an intelligent and sensible leader, who is concerned for his people and whose memory serves him well — to me



Prime Minister Meir speaking to the nation over TV Wednesday.

It seems that such a leader should act in the light of all these factors. All I can say is that we hope that this is what he will do. But of course such a thing is not in our hands. Once before he was asked not to enter a war, and I hope that he is sensible and responsible enough to remember this.

How would you describe our position today, the fifth day of the war?

As I said before, the Golan Heights are in our hands. We are now pushing the enemy beyond the cease-fire lines. We want to chase them behind these lines. And the settlers are returning to their farms.

In the south, our forces — our armoured forces — have taken up positions very close to the Suez Canal, and here, too, we feel that we have gone over to the offensive at almost all points.

Can it be stated at this stage more or less what our objectives are in this war that has been forced upon us?

I would like to stress another point — namely the tremendous amount of arms, tanks and other war material that has remained on our territory on the Golan Heights and a lot of it also in the south. Now, as to our objectives: we want peace.

We want to smite them, to force them back across the lines and beyond, until we can be certain that these are not lines they can regroup on for a new attack.

I should like to ask you a question which is now also in the public mind — and that is the price of this war. And one more question: How long will it last?

The price every man who falls in this war is a terrible price. I have no

doubt that as in the past so too this victory which is now assured us will have a price.

We always said, when we spoke about our neighbours during the past six years: we have no fear that we will not win in any kind of war. But for victory too one must pay; and for us — the price is high. And this time too — we will have to pay the highest and the dearest price.

How long the war will last — none of us knows. It is only natural that everyone should ask this question — but it is also natural that everyone should be able to answer it for himself: the time that is needed to achieve the goals I have just mentioned.

Tonight the people of Israel celebrate the feast of Succot. What would you wish this people on this particular evening?

My wish is the customary one tonight: a happy holiday. I dare say this in spite of everything. And the main reason for my daring to wish you "happy holiday" in time of war, in the midst of battle, is that if this is our fate, that our neighbours still find it easier to make war than to make any effort for peace — then we are doubly blessed that such is our people, and such are its sons and their capability.

And on this evening, the eve of Succot, in the midst of war or in moments of tranquillity, since peace is still far away, I have but one prayer in my heart — that this may be the last war. I pray for this not only for ourselves but also for the sons of our neighbours and for their children's children: perhaps they will catch from us our habit of appreciating human life — the lives of all human beings. This is my prayer, and it is the prayer of our whole nation.

And here I would like to say again how heartwarming it is to see the Jewish people in the Diaspora — and indeed, many who are not Jews — rising up at once, without having to be told a word, in order to be with us in spirit. There are friends who have not abandoned us.

Tickets to drivers for bright lights

Jerusalem Post Staff
Police have issued tickets to some 600 drivers who failed to observe blackout regulations and drove after dark without blue-painted headlights. The Police spokesman announced last night.

He urged strict observation of blackout regulations on the roads, in homes and in secret. Arrangements have been made to bring a blackout offenders to a summary trial within 24 hours, the spokesman said.

A spot check of automobiles travelling on the Beit Dagon-Tel Aviv road showed that about 50 per cent of the cars' lights were not properly blacked out, and some were even blinding oncoming drivers.

In downtown Elshon Lezion, one storekeeper left the lights on in his large window. A man tried unsuccessfully to locate him, then pointed the window with goosy black paint. The surprised owner was seen yesterday morning scraping the paint off.

Mail delivery from soldiers tomorrow

TEL AVIV.— Mail from soldiers at the front will be delivered tomorrow, the Sabbath, as well as on the last day of Succot, next Thursday. The Post Office has announced. Soldiers' mail was also delivered yesterday, the first day of the holiday.

Parcels and letters can also be sent to soldiers tomorrow and next Thursday. Post offices to go to are: in Jerusalem, the central and Kiryat Hayovel offices; in Tel Aviv, the Mikve Yisrael and Ben Gurion branches; in Jaffa, the Sderot Yehudim branch; and in Haifa, the Shikmona and Mount Carmel branches. All these will be open between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on both days.

The central post offices in Ramat Gan, Netanya, Holon, Petah Tikva, Ramle, Beersheba, Ashdod, Tiberias, Rosh Pina, Kiryat Shmona, Hadera and Elat will also receive mail for soldiers tomorrow and on Thursday.

Telephones have been set up at all sectors of the front, and in Rosh Pina and Beersheba, to enable soldiers to make free calls home. (11m)

U.S. resupply bid reported

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It has already been stated by our commanders that we have no words to describe these deeds and the ability and devotion that were shown. It is beyond our power to put this into words. But I am happy and joyful to tell you that to the Golan Heights are in our hands, the settlers are returning to their villages, the Syrian enemy is now back beyond the cease-fire lines and we are pushing him still further back.

There can be no comparison between the strength of the Syrian army four days ago, three days ago and, in the last few hours, two days ago and what it is now.

In the south, too, there has been a radical change: our forces are now close to the Canal and here, too, we are pushing the enemy back.

At the same time, I have to tell you that the war is not yet over. I have no doubt that it will end with our victory. But the victory is not yet complete, and what this means is that the war has not ended.

It is natural for everyone to ask when the war will end. How many days will it last? And yet we have experienced of various wars. And the last big war was the Six Day War.

I am not sure that this will be

declared. I discuss anything to do with the war. But other officials and officers of the U.S. air units in Europe have gone on alert status because of the Middle East fighting.

As the threat of a split between the major powers over the Middle East war grew yesterday, U.S. officials said the Soviet Union was reported to be stepping up military supplies to Syria and Egypt.

The officials said the supplies were being flown in by transport planes — some coming from the Soviet Union — but they were unable to say what kind of military equipment was being provided.

Democrat Congressman Ogden Reid, a former Ambassador to Israel, said there was every reason to believe supplies being flown in by Russia included Sam-6 missiles, electronic equipment and aircraft replacement parts.

Senator Henry Jackson, who has good sources in U.S. intelligence, said he had received reports that the Israelis were trying to keep out of the Russian transports by bombing aircraft on which they were expected to land.

Another usually well-informed Congressional source said he had received reports that about 30 Soviet transport planes were flying in supplies.

The Israel Embassy would make

no immediate comment on either report.

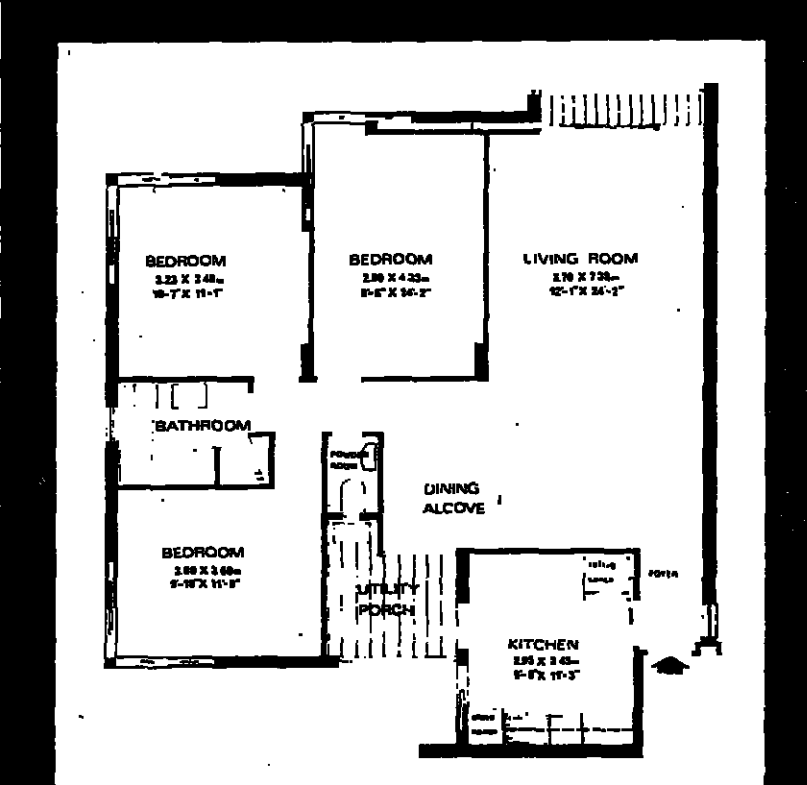
Intensive U.S. diplomatic efforts to end the fighting may force postponement of Dr. Kissinger's trip to Europe due to begin this weekend, McCloskey said yesterday.

Prominent U.S. Congressmen, including Senator Edward Kennedy, are pressing President Nixon to send Israel more planes and equipment to replace its losses. Their call came as Israel Ambassador Simcha Dinitz said on Wednesday Libya and Algeria were sending replacement jets to Egypt while Iraq was sending Mig fighters to Syria.

In Moscow, Arab ambassadors conferred with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko yesterday and thanked him for the Kremlin's "all-round assistance" in their struggle with Israel, according to an official report.

There has still been no formal reaction from the Soviet Union on the U.S. assertions that a Russian airlift was under way. A Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman declined all comment.

But Soviet media were quick to pick up, without direct comment, reports of American arms shipment to Israel. Tass said the U.S. was "secretly supplying Israel with arms and ammunition," quoting the Nor-folk "Ledger-Star" story.



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Lieutenant on Canal 'Egyptians caught us by surprise

"In armour-to-armour combat, we suffered no tank losses at all. What we did sustain were due to Egyptian anti-tank rockets, and to their artillery fire."

This was a lieutenant's summary of the first day of fighting on the Suez Canal, as broadcast over Kol Yisrael yesterday. The officer and another colleague had been interviewed on Sunday morning by the radio's front-line reporter, Yirmiyahu Yovel.

"You've got to hand it to the Egyptians," said one of the officers. "They caught us by surprise in a very early fashion." He was referring to the crossing of the Canal by Egyptian troops on the afternoon of Yom Kippur.

Although the officer's platoon had received advance notice of an approaching invasion, the men in his observation post only spotted Egyptian infantry when they were already on the east bank, carrying an Egyptian flag and wielding a large assortment of anti-tank weapons.

"Ordinarily," one of the officers said, "an infantry platoon would be equipped with one big anti-tank weapon, and two smaller ones. But with them, I got the impression that every three soldiers had at least one anti-tank weapon, and that among the hard-core they had were some of the most sophisticated arms going, such as those shoulder-rockets."

Egyptian infantry were soon deployed over the whole of the surrounding hillsides.

"They moved on in serried ranks, but in pretty thin formation, and when they saw our armoured troop-carriers and our tanks closing in on them, I must say they didn't run for their lives, but dug themselves into the sand, and began firing. They scored some good hits. The troop-carriers, though, especially those that were not very badly hit, continued their advance."

Were the early hours of the campaign particularly difficult?

"Yes," replied an officer, "the first night was most difficult, largely on account of the Egyptian infantry ambushes encountered by our armour. This morning, I've heard of one unit which was ambushed, where the first rocket aimed at the unit commander missed its target. Then the entire battalion set upon the Egyptian company and wiped it out to the last man without a single loss of life."

"But there were other cases where our tanks were moving safely and then suddenly, from behind a hill-top or a bush, a rocket — and..."

The young officer's words were cut off by the whoosh of an Israeli jet overhead.

Commenting on the officers' account of the first day's fighting, interviewer Yovel, who is chairman of the Hebrew University's Philosophy department, noted that the IDF was fast assimilating the lessons of the very different kind of war it was being forced to fight this week.

"The superiority of our army over the Arab armies," he said, "lies, among other things, in its ability to change traditional modes of thinking and draw fresh conclusions quickly. Our strength derives in no small measure from the fact that we do not blink at changing reality, and that we regard self-delusion as our worst enemy."



The official Syrian Arab news agency distributed this photograph to the press, showing an Israeli Phantom fighter-bomber dropping bombs over Damascus on Wednesday. (AP radiophoto)

Congress makes provision for re-arming Israel

WASHINGTON (UPI). — A defence authorization bill including \$203m. for military credit sales to Israel was returned to the House and Senate yesterday for final passage, before being sent to President Nixon.

House and Senate negotiators, who reached agreement on the \$21,300m. bill yesterday, also restored cuts in M16 rifles and M60 tanks — items Israel may need to resupply itself.

Senator Henry Jackson (Democrat-Washington) said the restoration of Senate cuts in these light armaments reflected concern over the outbreak of the war in the Middle East. He said it was inevitable that the U.S. would eventually have to make shipments of replacement arms to Israel.

In agreeing on the compromise bill, the conferees gave the Administration practically everything it had asked for in the way of new weaponry, but junked a Senate-approved provision to bring home 110,000 American troops from overseas.

Senate passes bill allowing Congress to prevent wars

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — The Senate Wednesday overwhelmingly passed the final version of a bill to keep United States presidents from waging wars without congressional consent.

The Senate approved the bill — which would bar undeclared wars like the Vietnam conflict — by a vote of 75 to 20, despite threats of a veto by President Nixon.

The margin of victory was sufficient to override a presidential veto, although it was not certain whether the House of Representatives, which is certain to approve the bill, will do so by the necessary two-thirds margin to prevent a veto.

The legislation was a compromise proposal of separate bills passed by the House and Senate earlier this year.

President Nixon had pleaded with the lawmakers not to limit his powers to protect the nation by ordering his forces into the field without waiting for congressional approval.

But the senators, smarting over eight years of massive U.S. involvement in Vietnam and the loss of their role in shaping American policy, ignored the plea.

The bill allows a U.S. President to conduct military operations for 60 days. He must then and then unless Congress formally declares war or provides specific approval.

The 60-day period could be extended for 30 days if the President notifies Congress in writing that an extension is needed to protect troop withdrawals.

Congress could also end American military action at any time if both houses passed a resolution that would not need the President's signature and could not be vetoed. The White House contends that this provision is unconstitutional.

Eban: Secure border essential to Israel

NEW YORK (UPI). — Foreign Minister Abba Eban said yesterday the Middle East War could be halted if Egypt and Syria agree to restore the cease-fire boundaries in effect since the 1967 conflict beyond the 1967 conflict.

"We must have a secure boundary — and that means a boundary that we negotiate and that we examine with the utmost precision and care, and no formulae and no public rhetoric can possibly arrange that position," he said in an interview on the CBS Morning News.

"But the Israeli conviction that the boundary is important — that has been vastly strengthened by this tragic experience."

Eban said, however, that Israeli forces might go beyond the old cease-fire lines if necessary to beat back the Arab attacks.

"But the governments of Egypt and Syria can get a cease-fire with us by agreeing to restore the previous cease-fire boundaries," he said.

British Consul kidnapped in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (Reuter). — Police hunted the kidnappers of the British Consul and a Mexican industrialist in Guadalajara yesterday.

The honorary consul, Dr. Anthony Duncan Williams, 47, and the millionaire industrialist, Fernando Arguente, were seized almost simultaneously on Wednesday in different areas of Mexico's second biggest city.

Only hours after the kidnappings, a gunman tried to hijack a Mexican airliner at the airport here, but was subdued after a gunfight with a Government agent aboard the plane, which was bound for Monterrey with 68 passengers.

The incidents followed a wave of violence in Mexico, including the killing of an industrial magnate in Monterrey last month by leftwing guerrillas.

Three Filipino hijackers are given amnesty

MANILA. — Three young Filipino hijackers returned home from Hong Kong early yesterday in the same Philippine Airlines jetliner they had hijacked earlier in the day.

The youths commandeered the plane on a domestic flight and ordered it to Hong Kong. They gave up their weapons in Hong Kong after releasing the airline president, Mr. Benigno Toda, whom they were holding hostage. Mr. Toda had offered himself as hostage in exchange for the release of 49 passengers when the plane landed in Manila earlier yesterday.

Mr. Toda said the hijackers had not made any political demands. They agreed to surrender their weapons — believed to include three pistols and a hand grenade — after their request for an amnesty was accepted. (AP, Reuter)

Moscow Jews beaten up on Succot

MOSCOW (AP). — Nine teen-age Jews were "severely beaten" by a group of young thugs after attending synagogue services on Succot eve, Jewish sources reported.

They said one of the Jews, Igor Turel, was still in hospital with concussion and a broken nose. Another, Yura Mitin, was sent to a hospital but refused treatment.

The sources said the nine Jews, aged 16 and 17, had attended services at Moscow's central synagogue and then went to a nearby Nogiina Square, sat on benches, talked and sang songs.

A band of some 20 young men in their early 20s turned up. One shouted, "Are those the ones, boys?" the others responded, "Yeah, those are the ones."

The thugs then set upon the Jews with fists and iron truncheons. The sources said, adding that two uniformed policemen came along, watched briefly and then walked away.

Later, four policemen appeared, arrested the nine Jews and two of the thugs and briefly detained them at a local precinct station. No charges were brought against the thugs.

Yesterday, secret police arrested two well-known Moscow Jews apparently to block them from holding a news conference for Western newsmen, Jewish sources said.

The sources said Prof. David Asbel, 62, a retired chemical engineering professor, and Vitaly Rubin, an expert on Chinese history, were arrested about two hours before the scheduled news conference.

Western newsmen who went to Asbel's apartment later were turned back by police who told them "there are criminals there."

Dahomey, Upper Volta break ties with Israel

Dahomey and Upper Volta have broken off diplomatic relations with Israel. Together with Rwanda, which took the same step earlier this week, this makes three African countries to sever relations since the Middle East war started.

Announcing his government's decision in Cotonou, the Dahomey Minister of Information, Pierre Koffi, said the decision was taken at an extraordinary cabinet meeting presided over by the head of state, Lt. Col. Mathieu Kerekou.

Commander Koffi's statement made no direct reference to the Middle East war, but said the ministers had decided that "in the present stage of things, relations between Israel and Dahomey could not continue harmoniously."

They declared that "Africa is directly affected by the dangerous situation and the illegal presence of Israeli troops on a part of her territory," he added.

The news of Upper Volta's rupture of relations with Israel came in a report from the Algerian Agency on Wednesday night.

In a dispatch from the Upper Volta capital of Ouagadougou, the agency said the decision was announced by the country's new Foreign Minister, Dr. Ali Traore.

Altogether, 11 African countries have severed diplomatic relations with Israel since March, 1972.

In Jerusalem the Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday had "no comment" on the latest two African states to break ties with Israel. Officials said they had more pressing things to do about than the action of these states. "It seems so irrelevant one official said."

Dahomey and Upper Volta are the ninth and tenth African states to break with Israel in the last five years. (Reuter)



Entertaining the troops at the front. (Army photo)

U.K. Conservatives in uproar over attack on Enoch Powell

BLACKPOOL (UPI). — Britain's Conservative Party's annual conference erupted in uproar yesterday during a Government speech attacking Enoch Powell, rebel Conservative member of Parliament.

Cries of "shame" echoed through the conference hall when Anthony Barber, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said of Powell's attacks on the Government's immigration and economic policies:

"I am truly sad that an old friend should have all the moral conceit and intellectual arrogance which are the hallmarks of a fanatic."

"The trouble with Mr. Powell is that, like all frustrated fanatics, he redoubles his efforts when he has lost his aim."

Barber's attack followed Powell's speech to the conference assailing the Government for not doing more to check Britain's continuing high rate of inflation.

Powell said inflation is a "social evil, an injustice between man and man, a moral evil, a dishonesty between government and people, between class and class."

Powell has also been a vocal critic of the Government's refusal to make further cuts in immigration from non-white Commonwealth countries.

Earlier, Sir Geoffrey Rippon, Minister for Trade and Consumer Affairs, ruled out government measures to fix retail prices to combat inflation.

"Far and away, the most effective weapon against inflation, our domestic market is, and always will be, competition," Rippon said.

He said the Government was continuing to "defend the role of profits, which are the lifeblood of a free enterprise economy."

AMIN. — Ugandan President Amin fired his Intelligence chief on Tuesday in a major cabinet shuffle and took over personal control of information and broadcasting, according to Radio Uganda.

Peronists seize TV

BUENOS AIRES (UPI). — The Peronist Government on Wednesday took control of virtually all television in Argentina, two days before the return to power of former President Juan Peron.

Peron, 78, who enjoyed control of Argentine television and radio during most of his 10 years of office that ended in a 1955 military coup, takes his third oath of office today.

He will complete the four-year term of Hector Campora, a staunch Peronist who won the first Presidential election in 10 years and resigned on July 13, to force new elections and thus allow Peron to return to power.

The interim government of President Raul Lastiri on Wednesday announced it had cancelled the licences of the nation's five largest privately-owned stations which operate information and programming for Argentina's network of other privately held stations.

An official announcement said, "the image and sound will be put at the service of the historical task of national liberation and reconstruction."

Cairo's phone links to Europe broken

ROME (AP). — Telephone circuits from Europe to Cairo were cut yesterday. Circuits from Libya into Egypt were also down.

Telephone service to Cairo from many European cities had been functioning almost normally since the Middle East war erupted Saturday. However, about midday Thursday, telephone exchanges in

This week at the Tel Aviv Museum

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EXHIBITIONS

- * YAAOV AGAM — Sculptures, Paintings (Zach's Hall, Nat'l Hall). Closing date Oct. 16
- * POSTERS FROM THE U.S.A. — Posters by the most well known contemporary American artists, loaned to the Tel Aviv Museum by the U.S. Cultural Center (Graphic Hall)
- * THE HELENA RUBINSTEIN PAVILION (6 Tarnat St.)
- * THE MUSEUM COLLECTIONS (Meyerhoff Hall, Jaglom Hall, Hall No. 3)
- * GRAPHIC ART IN ISRAEL TODAY — The exhibition is part of the celebration for Israel's 25th anniversary, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Culture.

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ILLUSTRATION

Tuesday Oct. 16 7:30 p.m. — Artist Arieh Rothman will illustrate various techniques of etching (in Hebrew)

FILMS

Sunday Oct. 14 4:30 p.m. — A Film For the Succoth Holiday Sans Famille (Without a Family — France) based on a novel by Hector Malo (Hebrew Subtitles)

Monday Oct. 15 7:00 p.m. — FILM OF JOHN FORD The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance (1962), U.S.A. With John Wayne, James Stewart, Vera Miles (French and Hebrew Subtitles)

CONCERTS

(Leon and Mathilde Meckstein Auditorium)

RECITAL

Saturday Oct. 13 8:30 p.m. — Mindra Katz — piano Bach (Italian concerto) Haydn (Arietta con variazioni) Beethoven (Sonata op. 31, no. 2 in 4-minor) Eschke (Pavane et Bourree) Ravel (Lideronette), Kabalevsky (3 preludes), Brahms (2 Rhapsodies and 3 Intermezzos)

Monday Oct. 15 8:30 p.m. — Philip Hirschhorn — violin Bach (Sonata in 4 for violin solo), Beethoven (Sonata no. 5 in 3 springs), Brahms (Sonata no. 1 in G), Strauss (Allegro)

Tickets for Events available at the Museum Ticket Office and for concerts also at Union, 125 Rehov Dabney

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Wednesday and Friday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Thursday and Saturday: 6-10 p.m.

SERIES OF LECTURES IN CONTEMPORARY ART
Lecture No. 1 — Oct. 23, 8:30 p.m. — Prof. Barash from the Hebrew University
Lecture No. 2 — Nov. 12, 8:30 p.m. — Han Tamir from the Tel Aviv Museum
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the postponement until further notice of the Second International Conference — "Attempts at Rescuing Jews During The Holocaust," which was to have taken place on Hoi Ha'Moed, at Yad Vashem.

U.K. defence experts say Israel underestimated Soviet missiles

LONDON. — Israel has made three major miscalculations in its new war against the Arabs, but it is unlikely its enemy can exploit these advantages, a respected British commentator said yesterday.

Louis Heren, Deputy Editor and Foreign Editor of "The Times," wrote that the mistakes by the Israeli military command have been followed by the recall of retired generals and "what amounts to a reorganization of the command structure."

This suggests, he said, "that the consequences are more serious than the sparse battle front reports have indicated."

Heren gave his list of Israeli errors:

- His decision not to launch a pre-emptive strike, in order to demonstrate that the Arabs were the aggressors, was the first miscalculation," he said.
- Obviously Israel was surprised by the improved calibre of the Arab troops.
- The third was not to appreciate fully the effectiveness of the Soviet surface-to-air missiles (Sams) with which the Egyptian and Syrian forces are equipped.

"In cold military terms, this miscalculation was inexcusable, because of the U.S. experience in Vietnam. The Americans eventually deployed electronic devices to foil the Sam radars, but they were not entirely effective," he said.

Heren said that "there is no reason to believe at this stage that the Arab commanders can fully exploit their initial advantage. The built-in restraints on their freedom of manoeuvre, especially for the Egyptian commander, are probably insuperable."

He said, however, that intervention by Jordan would be "most serious" for Israel.

"The Arab Legion would surely do better than in 1967, because today's situation is entirely different," he said. "Heavily committed already on two fronts, Israel would be hard pressed to hold a third."

Other defence experts in London said yesterday the military balance in the Middle East has been grievously misjudged.

Previous estimates, accepted by Western governments and their top experts, have persistently harped on an overwhelming Israeli military lead over Egypt and Syria, in the air, in the quality of arms and in technical know-how.

The fighting in Sinai and the Golan Heights has proved a great surprise to most experts and has put these estimates in doubt, they said.

They said the Soviets appear to have supplied far more weapons to Egypt and Syria than had commonly been believed. The arms have been of better and greater sophistication than had been generally anticipated.

The training of the Arab army has proved to have produced an unexpectedly effective fighting force. The Arabs have mastered some of the complex technical problems of modern weaponry, including the handling of Sams in connection with radar, electronic devices and communications.

The Soviets have supplied — apparently ignored by the Israelis — vast quantities of invasion equipment, including amphibious tanks, naval craft and bridge-building material.

The Arabs have improved their intelligence in Israel, while Israeli concentrated apparently more on anti-terrorist activities.

Western defence experts are still trying to figure out whether Soviet experts helped the Egyptians and Syrians to prepare, mount and maintain an invasion force.

The Soviets have to all appearances not actively participated in the current fighting, but they trained the Arabs for years, before they were kicked out of Egypt, and more recently were frozen out of Syria.

Both developments may, in their view, have been part of an overall concept of a camouflage operation on a grandiose scale.

In the view of defence experts, the Sams have played the most important role in changing the anticipated military power balance in the Middle East.

Stationary or mobile, they have proved key factor in the battle against the Israeli Air Force. (AP, UPI)

Syria threatens to bomb cities

UN. (AP). — Syria on Wednesday threatened Arab air retaliation against Israeli population centres.

"We Arabs have our planes also, and we know how to use them," Syrian Deputy Foreign Minister Mohamed Zakaria Ismail declared at a news conference on Wednesday.

Earlier he had told the U.N. General Assembly that Israel had violated the Geneva Convention on protection of civilians in wartime with what he called a "return to the age of barbarism and savagery." He said Israeli planes on Tuesday and Wednesday hit the Syrian cities of Damascus, Tartus, Latakia and Homs with civilian casualties totalling in the hundreds. Questioned by newsmen, he said, "No nation can suffer too long without reacting. The same treaty will be given to Israeli centres if this action is not ceased."

Asked about reports from Washington that the Soviet Union was airlifting military supplies to Syria and Egypt, Ismail commented that this was being circulated "to justify the supply of American Phantom fighters to Israel."

Israeli air strikes in Syria were denounced by 70 non-aligned countries on Wednesday in pledging their support to the Arabs.

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